بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Virtues of *Sūrat al-Kahf*

I. *Sūrat al-Kahf* attracts tranquility and peace.

١ - عَنْ الْبَرَاءِ بْنِ عَازِبٍ قَالَ: كَانَ رَجُلٌ يَقْرَأُ سُورَةَ الْكَهْفِ، وَإِلَى جَانِبِهِ حِصَانٌ مَرْبُوطٌ بِشَطَنَيْنِ، فَتَغَشَّتْهُ سَحَابَةٌ، فَجَعَلَتْ تَدْنُو وَتَدْنُو، وَجَعَلَ فَرَسُهُ يَنْفِرُ، فَلَمَّا أَصْبَحَ أَتَى النَّبِيَّ ﷺ فَذَكَرَ ذَلِكَ لَهُ، فَقَالَ: «تِلْكَ السَّكِينَةُ تَنَزَّلَتْ بِالْقُرْآنِ». (متفق عليه، واللفظ للبخاري)

1. From al-Barāʾ b. ʿĀzib ﷺ, who said: "**There was a man who was reciting *Sūrat al-Kahf***, and beside him was a horse tied with two ropes. A cloud overshadowed him and began drawing nearer and nearer, and his horse started to become feral [with fear]. When morning came, he went to the Prophet ﷺ and mentioned that to him. He said: 'That was the tranquility (*sakīnah*) that descended with the Qurʾān.'" (Bukhārī & Muslim (Bukhārī places this *ḥadīth* in *Faḍāʾil Sūrat al-Kahf: Virtues of Sūrat al-Kahf*))

II. *Sūrat al-Kahf* serves as a protection from both the Antichrist (Dajjāl), and all other trials and crucibles.

٢ - عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ: أَنّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ قَالَ: «مَنْ حَفِظَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ أَوَّلِ سُورَةِ الْكَهْف، عُصِمَ من الدجال». (مسلم)

- وحدثنا محمد بن المثنى وابن بشار، قالا: حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ جَعْفَرٍ، حَدَّثَنَا شُعْبَةُ، ح وحدثني زهير بن حرب، حدثنا عبد الرحمن بْنُ مَهْدِيٍّ، حَدَّثَنَا هَمَّامٌ، جَمِيعًا عَنْ قَتَادَةَ، بِهَذَا الإِسْنَادِ. قَالَ شُعْبَةُ: مِنْ آخِرِ الْكَهْفِ. وقَالَ هَمَّامٌ: مِنْ أَوَّلِ الْكَهْف، كَمَا قَالَ هشام.

2. From Abū al-Dardā’ ﷺ: the Prophet ﷺ said: “Whoever memorizes ten verses from the beginning of *Sūrat al-Kahf* will be protected from al-Dajjāl.” (Muslim)

- Muḥammad b. al-Muthannā and Ibn Bashshār ⇒ Muḥammad b. Jaʿfar ⇒ Shuʿbah ⇒;
  Zuhayr b. Ḥarb ⇒ ʿAbd al-Raḥmān b. Mahdī ⇒ Hammām narrated to us — all of them from Qatādah with this chain, that Shuʿbah said: “*From the end of al-Kahf*.” Hammām transmits, “From the beginning of *al-Kahf*,” as Hishām does.”

٣ - عن النواس بن سمعان، قَالَ: ذَكَرَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ الدجال ذات غداة... «فمن أدركه منكم **فليقرأ** عليه فواتح سورة الكهف». (مسلم (والترمذي وابن ماجة بلفظ "فَمَنْ رَآهُ مِنْكُمْ"))

3. From al-Nawās b. Samʿān ﷺ, who said: “The Messenger of Allah ﷺ mentioned al-Dajjāl one morning... [and he said,] ‘So whoever among you encounters him, let him recite against him the opening verses of *Sūrat al-Kahf*.’” (Muslim; Tirmidhī and Ibn Mājah also narrate it with the wording: “whoever among you *sees* (*raʾāhu*) him.”)

٤ - عن حديث أبي الدرداء، يرويه عن نبي الله ﷺ قال: «من **حفظ** عشرَ آياتٍ من أول سورة الكهف عصم من فتنة الدجال». (أبو داود (والحاكم بلفظ: "من الدجال"))

- قال أبو داود: وكذا قال هشام الدَّسْتوائي عن قتادة، إلا أنه قال: من حفظ من خواتيم. وقال شعبة، عن قتادة: من آخرِ «الكهف».

4. From the *ḥadīth* of Abū al-Dardā’, narrated from the Prophet ﷺ, who said: “Whoever memorizes ten verses from the beginning of *Sūrat*

al-Kahf is protected from the trial of al-Dajjāl." (Abū Dāwūd; and al-Ḥākim with the wording: "from al-Dajjāl" (*min al-Dajjāl*))

- Abū Dāwūd says: And likewise Hishām al-Dastawā'ī narrates the same from Qatādah, except that he transmits, "Whoever memorizes from the *endings* [of *Sūrat al-Kahf*]." And Shu'bah, from Qatādah, transmits, "From the end of *al-Kahf*."

٥ - عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ: ... «وَمَنْ قَرَأَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ آخِرِهَا، ثُمَّ خَرَجَ الدَّجَّالُ لَمْ يُسَلَّطْ عَلَيْهِ». (الحاكم)

5. From Abū Sa'īd al-Khudrī, who said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "...And whoever recites ten verses from its end, then should al-Dajjāl emerge, he will not be given power over him." (al-Ḥākim)

٦ - عَنْ عَلِيٍّ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ: «مَنْ قَرَأَ سُورَةَ الْكَهْفِ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ فَهُوَ مَعْصُومٌ إِلَى ثَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّامٍ مِنْ كُلِّ فِتْنَةٍ تَكُونُ، فَإِنْ خَرَجَ الدَّجَّالُ عُصِمَ مِنْهُ». (الأحاديث المختارة)

6. From 'Alī رضي الله عنه, who said: "Whoever recites *Sūrat al-Kahf* on Friday is protected for eight days from every tribulation that occurs; and should al-Dajjāl emerge, he will be protected from him [as well]." (*al-Aḥādīth al-Mukhtārah*)

III. *Sūrat al-Kahf* is a light from one Jumu'ah to the next

٧ - عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ قَالَ: «مَنْ قَرَأَ سُورَةَ الْكَهْفِ فِي يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ أَضَاءَ لَهُ مِنَ النُّورِ مَا بَيْنَ الْجُمُعَتَيْنِ». (الحاكم)

7. From Abū Sa'īd al-Khudrī رضي الله عنه, that the Prophet ﷺ said: "Whoever recites *Sūrat al-Kahf* on Friday, a light will shine for him between the two Fridays." (al-Ḥākim)

IV. If a person reads *Sūrat al-Kahf*, he will have a light on the Day of Judgment spanning from his standing place to Makkah.

٨ - عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ: «مَنْ قَرَأَ سُورَةَ الْكَهْفِ كَمَا أُنْزِلَتْ، كانَتْ لَهُ نُورًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ مَقَامِهِ إِلَى مَكَّةَ...» (الحاكم)

8. From Abū Saʿīd al-Khudrī ﷺ, who said, "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: 'Whoever recites *Sūrat al-Kahf* as it was revealed, it will be a light for him on the Day of Resurrection from his station to Makkah.'" (al-Ḥākim)

V. Whoever reads the beginning and end of *Sūrat al-Kahf* will have a light from head to toe. If a person reads the entire *Sūrah*, he will have a light from earth to sky.

٩ - عَنْ مُعَاذِ بْنِ أَنَسٍ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ أَنَّهُ قَالَ: «مَنْ قَرَأَ أَوَّلَ سُورَةِ الْكَهْفِ، وَآخِرَهَا، كَانَتْ لَهُ نُوراً مِنْ قَدَمِهِ إِلَى رَأْسِهِ. وَمَنْ قَرَأَهَا كُلَّهَا، كَانَتْ لَهُ نُوراً مَا بَيْنَ الْأَرْضِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ». (أحمد والطبراني، ورجال الطبراني في الأوسط رجال الثقات)

9. From Muʿādh b. Anas ﷺ, from the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, that he ﷺ said: "Whoever recites the beginning of *Sūrat al-Kahf* and its end, it will be a light for him from his feet to his head. And whoever recites it all, it will be a light for him between the earth and the sky." (Aḥmad and al-Ṭabarānī, and the narrators in Ṭabarānī's *al-Awsaṭ* (for this *ḥadīth*) are trustworthy)